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1. THE WORLD CONFEDERATION OF LABOR (WCL) HAS ISSUED  
THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE ON ITS JANUARY 9 AND 10  
MEETING IN BRUSSELS WITH OFFICIALS OF THE WORLD FEDERATION  
OF TRADE UNIONS (WFTU).

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WFTU - W.C.L. MEETING IN BRUSSELS  
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WITHIN THE FRAME OF PERIODICAL MEETINGS OF INFORMATION  
AND EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN THEIR SECRETARIATS, A  
WFTU DELEGATION AND A W.C.L. DELEGATION MET IN BRUSSELS,  
AT THE W.C.L. HEADQUARTERS, ON THE 9TH AND 10TH  
JANUARY, 1978. BOTH DELEGATIONS DISCUSSED ON THE  
RESULTS OF THE W.C.L. CONGRESS (OCTOBER 1977) AND ON THE

PROSPECTS OF THE WFTU'S ONE WHICH WILL BE HELD IN PRAGUE IN NEXT APRIL.

THEY NOTED THAT EFFORTS MUST BE REALIZED ON BOTH SIDES TO CHANGE THE PRESENT SITUATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION MOVEMENT TO BETTER ANSWER WORKERS' NEEDS, BOTH IN INDUSTRIALIZED AND THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES, BOTH IN CAPITALIST AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. BOTH DELEGATIONS AGREED ON THE FACT THAT THE WFTU AND THE W.C.L. SHOULD ACT, WITH OTHER TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS, IN FAVOUR OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF WORKERS' SOLIDARITY AND THE TRADE UNION ACTION IN SOME FIELDS, NAMELY WITHIN THE FRAME OF THE ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID AND THAT OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

A VERY FRUITFUL DEBATE WAS HELD ON THE PRESENT SITUATION OF THE I.L.O. AND VIEWS WERE EXCHANGED ON ITS FUTURE, UNDERLINING ESPECIALLY THE NEXT INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE WHICH WILL BE HELD IN JUNE 1978 IN GENEVA. THAT PERMITTED TO BRING OUT AIMS WHICH SHOULD BE COMMON TO THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION MOVEMENT AS A WHOLE SO THAT THE I.L.O. BE MORE AN INSTRUMENT AT THE WORKERS' SERVICE. BOTH DELEGATIONS OPPOSED THEIR POINTS OF VIEW ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE UNION ACTION AT WORLD LEVEL. THESE DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF WORK AND OPENNESS AND PERMITTED TO BRING OUT SOME PROSPECTS

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ON THE RENEWAL OF WORLD TRADE UNIONISM. END TEXT.

2. THE RELEASE SOUNDS LIKE A JOINT COMMUNIQUE BUT IS NOT DESIGNATED AS SUCH. IT IS DATED JAN. 11, 1978, BUT WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO US ONLY ON JAN. 13. HINTON

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